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SUBTITLE 4 FISHERIES

PART IV FISHERIES RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER 74

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SUBCHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§13-74-1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless otherwise provided:

"Aquatic life" means any type of species of mammal, fish, amphibian, reptile, mollusk, crustacean, arthropod, invertebrate, coral, or other animal that inhabits the freshwater or marine environment and includes any part, product, egg, or offspring thereof; or freshwater or marine plants, including seeds, roots, products, and other parts thereof.

"Board" means the board of land and natural resources.

"Commercial marine dealer" means any person who sells or exchanges, or who is an agent in the transfer of marine life obtained directly from a commercial marine licensee, or any commercial marine licensee who sells or exchanges marine life at retail.

"Commercial marine license" means a license issued to take marine life within or outside the State for commercial purpose.

"Commercial marine licensee" means a person who has been issued a commercial marine license pursuant to section 189-2, HRS.

"Commercial purpose" means the taking of marine life for profit or gain or as a means of livelihood where the marine life is taken in or outside of the State, or where the marine life is sold, offered for sale, landed, or transported for sale anywhere in the State.

"Department" means the department of land and natural resources.

"Fishing" or "to fish" means catching, taking, or harvesting, or attempting to catch, take, or harvest, aquatic life. The use of a pole, line, hook, net, trap, spear, or other gear which is designed to catch, take, or harvest aquatic life, by any person who is in the water, or in a vessel on the water, or on or about the shore where aquatic life can be caught, taken, or harvested, shall be deemed to be fishing.

"Freshwater game fishes" means those introduced freshwater fishes as listed in section 13-99-2.

"Freshwater game fishing license" means a license issued to take freshwater game fishes.

"Licensee" means any person who has been issued a license pursuant to this chapter.

"Marine life" means any type or species of saltwater fish, shellfish, mollusks, crustaceans, coral, or other marine animals, including any part, product, egg, or offspring thereof; or seaweeds or other marine plants, including any part, product, seed, or root thereof.

"Northwestern Hawaiian Islands" means those islands, reefs, and shoals, as well as their respective appurtenant reefs and territorial waters of the Hawaiian Islands chain beginning and including Nihoa island to and including Kure island.

"Permittee" means any person who has been issued a permit pursuant to this chapter.

"Person" means an individual, partnership, firm, company, corporation, association, or other entity.

"Resident" means an individual that has established the individual's primary residence and worked in the State continuously for a period of twelve months or longer immediately prior to applying for, or obtaining a license or permit, or has filed or paid the individual's State income taxes for the previous tax period. [Eff: JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §§187A-5, 188-37, 188-44, 188-45, 188-50, 188-53, 188-57, 189-2, 189-6) (Imp: HRS §§187A-5, 188-37, 188-44, 188-45, 188-50, 188-53, 188-57, 189-2, 189-6)

§13-74-2 General license and permit conditions.  
Except as otherwise provided:

- (1) All licenses and permits issued pursuant to this chapter are non-transferable and shall be valid not longer than one year from the date of issuance. A duplicate license or permit may be issued upon affidavit that the original has been lost or destroyed, and upon payment of a duplicate license fee; provided that the duplicate license or permit shall expire on the same date as when the original license or permit would have expired;
- (2) A licensee or permittee shall show the license or permit and confirming identification upon the demand of any officer authorized to enforce the fishing laws of the State. No person shall refuse any such officer the examination of the license or permit and confirming identification, or inspection of any bag or container of any kind used to carry any aquatic life or any vehicle or conveyance

permit and confirming identification or used to transport any aquatic life if such officer has probable cause, as provided by law, to believe that such bag, container, vehicle, or conveyance contains evidence of a violation of the fishing laws of the State. Failure or refusal to show the license or examination and search of any bag, container, vehicle, or conveyance shall be prima facie evidence of violation of this chapter and sufficient cause for the immediate revocation of the license or permit by the board;

- (3) No licensee or permittee shall allow any other person to carry, display, or use the license or permit, except if the license or permit is issued to a vessel;
- (4) The department or its agents may issue licenses and permits as authorized by law, and with such conditions necessary to manage, protect, and conserve aquatic life;
- (5) Should a monthly report be required by any license or permit such report shall be rendered to the department as a true and correct statement of such information the department may require, on or before the tenth day of the following month in which the aquatic resources were taken or purchased, except for the Kona crab and lobster closed season sales license issued pursuant to section 13-74-41 whose report shall be rendered five days after the end of each of the closed season months on forms either furnished by, or approved by the department; and
- (6) Any information submitted to the department as required under this section or chapters 187A, 188, and 189, HRS, shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed, except when required under court order or by the state attorney general's office subpoena, or with the prior written consent of the person submitting the information, or under cooperative agreements with United States government agencies for the exchange and use of the information specifically to manage aquatic resources. The department may establish procedures to preserve the confidentiality of submitted information, except that the department may

release or make public information in the aggregate or summary form that does not directly or indirectly disclose the identity of any person who submits information. [Eff: 8/12/93; am JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §§187A-2, 187A-5, 188-37, 188-44, 188-45, 188-50, 188-53, 188-57, 189-2, 189-3, 189-6, 189-10, 199) (Imp: HRS §§187A-2, 187A-5, 187A-15, 188-37, 188-44, 188-45, 188-50, 188-53, 188-57, 189-2, 189-3, 189-6, 189-10, 199)

§13-74-3 Suspension, revocation and non-issuance of licenses and permits, generally. Except as may be otherwise provided, the board may:

- (1) Suspend any and all licenses and permits issued pursuant to this chapter when such action is necessary for the protection and conservation of the aquatic life;
- (2) Revoke any license or permit issued pursuant to this chapter for any infraction of the terms and conditions of the license or permit and any person whose license or permit was revoked shall not be eligible to be issued another license or permit until the expiration of one year from the date of revocation, unless another time period is specified;
- (3) In any proceeding for the revocation of a commercial marine license issued pursuant to section 13-74-20, the licensee shall be given notice and opportunity for hearing in conformity with chapter 91, HRS. Upon revoking the license, the board may specify a period of time during which the commercial licensee shall not be eligible to be issued another license; provided that the period shall not exceed one year from the date of revocation; and
- (4) Refuse to issue any license or permit to a person who is not legally admitted to the United States, who does not provide proper identification, who has unresolved violations of any license or permit issued pursuant to this chapter, or for other just cause. Should the department refuse to issue any license or permit, the department shall give the person notice and an opportunity for hearing in accordance with chapter 91, HRS. [Eff:

8/12/93; am JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §§187A-5, 188-37, 188-44, 188-45, 188-50, 188-53, 189-2, 189-5, 189-6) (Imp: HRS §§187A-5, 188-37, 188-44, 188-45, 188-50, 188-53, 189-2, 189-3, 189-5, 189-6)

§13-74-4 Penalties, generally. (a) A person violating this chapter, except for section 13-74-20, or the terms and conditions of any license or permit issued as provided by this chapter, except for section 13-74-20, shall be punished as provided by section 188-70, HRS.

(b) A person violating section 13-74-20, or any license issued as provided by 13-74-20, shall be punished as provided by section 189-4, HRS. [Eff: JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §§187A-5, 188-37, 188-44, 188-45, 188-50, 188-53, 188-57, 189-2, 189-6) (Imp: HRS §§187A-5, 188-37, 188-44, 188-45, 188-50, 188-53, 188-57, 189-2, 189-6, 189-13)

## SUBCHAPTER 2

### RECREATIONAL FISHING

§13-74-10 Freshwater game fishing license. (a) No person, except children below nine years of age, shall fish, take, or catch any introduced fresh water game fish without first obtaining a freshwater game fishing license, provided that children exempt by this section may fish without a license only when accompanied by a licensed adult.

(b) Licenses shall require the person's name, address, domicile, or residence, length of residence in the State, age, race, height, weight, and color of hair and eyes.

(c) The fee for the freshwater game fishing license shall be:

- (1) Minors between nine and fifteen years of age, \$1.50;
- (2) Residents over fifteen and under sixty-five years of age, \$3.75;
- (3) Persons sixty-five years of age and older, free;
- (4) Persons not qualifying under (1), (2), or (3) but over fifteen years of age, \$7.50, except that:

- (A) Members of the armed forces of the United States on active duty in the State whether qualifying as a resident or not, and their spouse and children fifteen years of age and over, \$3.75;
- (B) Tourist license which is valid for only thirty days from the date of issue, \$3.75;
- (5) Duplicate license, \$0.50.
- (d) Beginning September 1, 1999, the fee for the freshwater game fishing license shall be:
  - (1) Minors between nine and fifteen years of age, \$3;
  - (2) Residents over fifteen and under sixty-five years of age, \$5;
  - (3) Persons sixty-five years of age and older, free;
  - (4) Persons not qualifying under (1), (2), or (3) but over fifteen years of age, \$25, except that:
    - (A) Members of the armed forces of the United States on active duty in the State whether qualifying as a resident or not, and their spouse and children fifteen years of age and over, \$5;
    - (B) 7-Day tourist license which is valid for only seven days from the date of issue, \$10;
    - (C) Tourist license which is valid for only thirty days from the date of issue, \$20;
- (5) Duplicate license, \$1. [Eff: 8/12/93; am JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §§187A-5, 188-50) (Imp: HRS §§187A-5, 188-50)

### SUBCHAPTER 3

#### COMMERCIAL FISHING

§13-74-20 Commercial marine license. (a) No person shall take marine life for commercial purposes whether the marine life is caught or taken within or outside of the State, without first obtaining a commercial marine license. Additionally, any person providing vessel charter services in the State for the taking of marine life in or outside of the State shall obtain a commercial marine license.

- (b) Licenses to persons with proof of identity to

engage in the activities described in subsection (a) shall require the person's name, address, age, place of birth, length of residence in the State, height, weight, color of hair and eyes, citizenship, and such other information as the department may require.

(c) The fee for the commercial marine license shall be:

- (1) Residents, \$25;
- (2) All other persons, \$50.
- (3) Duplicate license, \$0.50.

(d) Beginning September 1, 1999, the fee for the commercial marine license shall be:

- (1) Residents, \$50;
- (2) All other persons, \$200;
- (3) Duplicate license, \$10. [Eff: 8/12/93; am JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §189-2) (Imp: HRS §189-2)

§13-74-21 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands fishing permit. (a) The department may issue permits to commercial marine licensees who own or operate a vessel deemed capable by the department for effectively taking marine life within the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, to fish for such marine life, or utilize methods or appliances which may be regulated or prohibited elsewhere within the State. The department may limit the number of permits issued to take marine life in any particular area and such limitation shall be on the basis of the order of application for permits.

(b) A separate permit shall be required for each fishing vessel or independent fishing operation, regardless of whether several vessels or operations are owned or conducted by the same person, and shall be carried aboard each vessel or otherwise be readily available for inspection at all times.

(c) The fee for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands fishing permit shall be \$1. Beginning September 1, 1999, the fee shall be \$50 and the duplicate license fee shall be \$10. [Eff: 8/12/93; am JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §188-37) (Imp: HRS §188-37)

Historical note. §13-74-21 is based substantially upon chapter 13-46. [Eff: 5/28/81; am 1/25/82; R AUG 12 1993 ]

§13-74-22 Bait license. (a) The department may



issue to commercial marine licensees a license to take the following baitfishes for which an open season is declared:

- (1) Iao (*Pranesus insularum*);
- (2) Marquesan sardine (*Harengula vittata*);
- (3) Nehu (*Stolephorus purpureus*);
- (4) Piha (*Spratelloides delicatulus*);
- (5) "Tabai" (*Mollienesis* spp.);
- (6) Threadfin shad (*Dorosoma petenense*).

(b) Licenses for taking baitfishes other than nehu shall be issued for fishing operations where the fish caught are landed in the State, and where no baitfish caught are sold or transferred except for bait purposes.

(c) Licenses for taking nehu shall be issued only to persons employed on live-bait tuna boats, and only if their principal means of livelihood is derived from tuna fishing and the sale of tuna, where the fish caught are landed in the State, and the nehu is not sold to others.

(d) A separate license shall be required for each fishing vessel or independent fishing operation, regardless of whether several vessels or operations are owned or conducted by the same person, and shall be carried aboard each vessel or otherwise be readily available for inspection at all times.

(e) The fee for the bait license shall be \$1. Beginning September 1, 1999, the fee shall be \$50 and the duplicate license fee shall be \$10. [Eff: 8/12/93; am JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §§187A-5, 188-45) (Imp: §§187A-5, 188-45)

Historical note. §13-74-22 is based substantially upon chapter 13-72. [Eff: 5/26/81; am 1/25/82; R AUG 12 1993 ]

#### SUBCHAPTER 4

#### OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS

§13-74-40 Mullet pond operator and closed season sales license. (a) The department may issue to any owner or operator of a fish pond a license to lawfully catch young mullet, known as pua, during the closed season, for the purpose of stocking the owner's or operator's pond, and provided that any owner or operator of a fish pond and any dealer may lawfully sell such pond raised mullet during the closed season with such a

license granting this privilege.

(b) A separate license shall be required for each fish pond or market operation, regardless of whether several fish pond or market operations from which the mullet are sold are owned or operated by the same person, and shall be readily available for inspection at all times.

(c) The fee for the mullet pond operator and closed season sales license shall be \$5. Beginning September 1, 1999, the fee shall be \$50 and the duplicate license fee shall be \$10. [Eff: 8/12/93; am JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §188-44) (Imp: HRS §188-44)

§13-74-41 Kona crab and lobster closed season sales license. (a) The department may issue a license to a commercial marine dealer, or any restaurant to sell or serve during the closed season, Kona crabs or lobsters lawfully caught during the open season.

(b) Each licensee shall submit a report to the department within five days after the end of each of the closed season months.

(c) The fee for the Kona crab and lobster closed season and sales license shall be:

- (1) Wholesale dealers, \$5;
- (2) Retail markets, \$2.50;
- (3) Hotel or restaurants, \$1.

(d) Beginning September 1, 1999, the fee shall be \$50 and the duplicate license fee shall be \$10. [Eff: 8/12/93; am JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §188-57) (Imp: HRS §188-57)

§13-74-42 Special marine animal or product possession and sale license. (a) The department may issue a license to an importer, wholesaler, retailer, or restaurant to possess, sell, or offer for sale, any fish, shellfish, crustacean, or other marine animal, or any product made from such marine animals taken outside of the waters of the State, when such taking, possession, or sale of the same species is restricted if taken within the waters of the State.

(b) Licenses shall require the business' name, address, telephone number, name of applicant, and any other information the department may require.

(c) Each licensee shall furnish to the department monthly reports that include the following information:

- (1) If licensee is an importer:

- (A) Species imported, source, quantity, and arrival date;
  - (B) Name and address of buyers, species sold, quantity, and date of such sale;
- (2) If licensee is a wholesaler:
  - (A) Source, quantity, and date purchased;
  - (B) Name and address of buyers, species sold, quantity, and date of such sale;
- (3) If licensee is a retailer or restaurant:
  - (A) Source and date of purchase;
  - (B) Species and quantity sold.
- (4) And any other such information the department may require.
- (d) The fee for the special marine animal or product possession and sale license shall be \$2.50. Beginning September 1, 1999, the fee shall be \$50 and the duplicate license fee shall be \$10. [Eff: 8/12/93; am JAN 15 1999 ] (Auth: HRS §189-6) (Imp: HRS §189-6)

Historical note. §13-74-42 is based substantially upon chapter 13-71. [Eff: 5/26/81; R AUG 12 1993 ]

§13-74-43 Aquaculture license. (a) After review of a written application, the department may issue to any qualified aquaculturist, a license to fish for, rear, possess, or sell any regulated aquatic life, provided the qualified aquaculturist rears or reared the regulated aquatic life in an aquaculture facility for commercial purpose. To qualify for a license a qualified aquaculturist must satisfy the department that the qualified aquaculturist is able to maintain aquatic life or live rock alive and in good health in an aquaculture facility at all times in accordance with industry-wide standards.

(b) The licensee shall make and issue a receipt whenever a transaction concerning regulated aquatic life occurs. The receipt shall be a written record of the transaction and shall include:

- (1) The transaction date;
- (2) The name and address of the licensee, the name of the person issuing the receipt, and the name and address of the person to whom the receipt is issued, except that the name and address of the person to whom the receipt is issued are not required if the transaction is with a person who will not resell the

regulated aquatic life;

- (3) The name, weight, number or other appropriate measure of quantity, and value of all regulated aquatic life involved in the transaction; and
- (4) Any other information the department may require.

(c) The licensee shall keep all receipts on file and be able to present such receipts for inspection upon demand of any officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State. The receipts shall be kept for not less than twenty-four months after the transaction date or until the regulated aquatic life is no longer in the licensee's possession, whichever is longer. The department may approve the use of documents other than the receipts as written records of the transaction.

(d) The licensee shall submit to the department a summary report on or before July 31st of each year, covering the previous twelve-month period between July 1st to June 30th. The report shall provide an accounting of the regulated aquatic life received, bought, sold, transferred, or exchanged. The accounting shall include the items involved in a transaction, the sum of the weight, number or other appropriate unit of quantity, and value, along with any other information the department may require.

(e) Licensees that rear live rocks shall only use rocks for producing live rocks obtained from legal sources such as quarries or dredging operations and may not fish for live rocks from the wild.

(f) Unless authorized in writing by the department, licensees shall not:

- (1) Release cultured aquatic life or live rock into state waters;
- (2) Fish for, in state waters, any regulated aquatic life or live rock;
- (3) Fish in areas where fishing is restricted by law; or
- (4) Use gear that the department has declared illegal except for small meshed nets, provided the net is not a small meshed thrownet.

(g) The department may restrict or prohibit the rearing of any aquatic life as authorized by this section, such as those species whose entry into or possession in the State is restricted or prohibited pursuant to the rules of the department of agriculture, those species that the state and federal governments may list as threatened or endangered, or any aquatic life

the department may determine to be unsuitable for commercial rearing in the State or otherwise potentially detrimental to living aquatic resources in the State.

(h) The department may require licensees:

- (1) Who fish in the wild for regulated aquatic life to report such catches and to include in the report the species, numbers, size, fishing location, amount of fishing effort, and any other information for the purpose of this license. The regulated aquatic life taken from the wild may only be used for stocking into the aquaculture facility as juveniles or used as adults to provide broodstock material. The licensee may not sell or offer for sale any regulated aquatic life taken from the wild that is less than the minimum size as specified by law;
- (2) To obtain a Conservation District Use Permit pursuant to chapter 13-53, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), and a Right of Entry Permit pursuant to chapter 171, HRS, in addition to any other requirement of law; and
- (3) To provide a list of names of commercial marine dealers that will buy or obtain any regulated aquatic life that were reared in the licensee's aquaculture facility. Any changes to the list shall be in writing.

(i) Each aquaculture facility shall have a separate license, even if one person owns or operates several aquaculture facilities. A copy of the license shall be available for inspection upon the demand of any officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State, including whenever the regulated aquatic life are fished for, delivered, transported, or sold. The license shall be kept at the facility for immediate inspection.

(j) For the purposes of this section:

"Aquaculture facility" means any farm, ranch, hatchery, pond, workplace, or place of business that is designed or intended for the rearing, breeding, or culturing of aquatic life or live rock in a controlled or managed salt, brackish, or freshwater environment.

"Regulated aquatic life" means any aquatic life or live rock whose fishing for, possession, or sale is regulated during a closed season, or when regulated by a minimum size or bag limit as specified in subtitle 5 of title 12 or administrative rules.

(k) The license fee shall be \$50. [Eff: AUG 08 1996 ] (Auth: HRS §§187A-3.5, 187A-5, 188-44, 188-68)

(Imp: HRS §§187A-3.5, 187A-5, 188-44, 188-68)

§13-74-44 License to sell reared species. (a) The department may issue to any person a license to possess, sell, or offer for sale regulated aquatic life, provided that a qualified aquaculturist has reared the regulated aquatic life in a licensed aquaculture facility.

(b) The licensee shall keep a receipt issued by the licensed aquaculture facility when receiving or buying the regulated aquatic life.

(c) The licensee shall issue a receipt to the person to whom the regulated aquatic life is sold or transferred. The receipt shall be a written record of the transaction and shall include:

- (1) The transaction date;
- (2) The names and addresses of the licensee, the person issuing the receipt, and the person to whom the receipt is issued, except that the name and address of the person to whom the receipt is issued are not required if the transaction is with a person that will not resell the regulated aquatic life;
- (3) The name, weight, number or other appropriate measure of quantity, and value of all regulated aquatic life involved in the transaction; and
- (4) Any other information the department may require.

(d) The licensee shall keep on file and be able to present for inspection upon demand of any officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State, a copy of all receipts for not less than twenty-four months after the transaction date or until the regulated aquatic life is no longer in the licensee's possession, whichever is longer. The department may approve the use of documents other than the receipts as written records of the transaction.

(e) Each market outlet that sells or offers for sale the regulated aquatic life shall have a separate license, even if the same person owns or operates several outlets. The license shall be kept at the market outlet for immediate inspection upon demand of any officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State.

(f) The department may require submittal of monthly reports, pursuant to the purposes of this section.

(g) For the purposes of this section:

"Licensed aquaculture facility" means any aquaculture facility licensed pursuant to section 13-74-43.

"Regulated aquatic life" means any aquatic life or live rock whose fishing for, possession, or sale is regulated during a closed season, or when regulated by a minimum size or bag limit as specified in subtitle 5 of title 12 or administrative rules.

(h) The fee for the license shall be waived with the license valid for not longer than two years from the date of issuance. [Eff 8/8/96; am 5/22/00 ] (Auth: HRS §§187A-3.5, 187A-5) (Imp: HRS §§187A-3.5, 187A-5)